Virginia Notes.

The conference at St. James is a thing of the past. We were there and enjoyed it very much. There was a grand work done there no doubt. There were provisions made to support an evangelist. That of itself would have been sufficient reasons for conference convening. We will not attempt to give a summary account of proceedings as our excellent secretary, sister Laura Grossnickle will undoubtedly report to you in full. Much credit is due her for efficient work.

We congratulate the Philadelphia church for having such an earnest thorough-going pastor as Bro. J. D. McFaden. His work at conference was invaluable.

We congratulate Bro. Shaver that he was chosen evangelist at large for Md., and Va., and eastern Pa. May God prosper him in his efforts. St. James certainly has a warm place in our hearts and a bright spot in our memory.

The brothers and sisters certainly deserve a vote of thanks for their kind and attentive treatment of visitors during conference. We made some dear friends during conference week. Some we never can forget. We remember with pleasure a trip to the College one evening.

Conference closed Tuesday evening with a soul stirring love feast, which was made more impressive by the severing of immediate association with dear friends. Wednesday father, mother, brother, sister Shaver and myself boarded the 10 o'clock train at Hagerstown for home. At Keedyaville, brother McFaden met and accompanied us to the Ferry. Here we had a thirty minutes wait. Accepted brother J. D. Kime's invitation and was driven to the home of his boyhood. Here we met his kind and matronly mother and her attractive daughters. We were treated to one of the most palatable of lunches which was duly appreciated by your humble servant as we were thoroughly exhausted. Said good by to all. Got home safe and found everything all right. We heartily thank God for his goodness and care.

We have just a word to say to the ministers who told of their extreme poverty at conference. Here it is. You as Gospel alone preachers ought to know what poverty is according to the Scriptures. Remember indolence and expensiveness are not commanded in God's Word. Your statement was uncalled for and out of place. Reflecting discredit on the several congregations. Was it not the duty of the conference to agree upon a time and place for the next interstate conference. Hope that all done at St. James may redound to the honor and glory of God.

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The Annual College Commencement.

The Annual Commencement of Ashland College was held in the Auditorium of the College building on Thursday evening, May 31st. The room was very beautifully trimmed. The Class motto —*Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum* was arched on the wall above the stage, and stands covered with flowers were placed at each corner of the platform. The house filled with spectators at an early hour, and at the appointed hour, Principal Felger and the nine graduates filed into the room and filled the chairs on the platform. The first exercise of the program was a duet by Misses Mae Newkirk and Mattie Marsh. Prayer offered by Rev. H. C. Haithcox. This was followed by a solo by Mr. Ed. Miller, one of the finest singers of Ashland. Title, "The Anchor's Weighed."

Mr. J. H. Kimmel, from near Dayton, Ohio, came first of the orations by the graduates. His subject was "Landlordism in America." He delivered his oration in excellent style.

Mr. F. O. Switzer chose, "The World's Conquerors." He delivered his oration in excellent style, speaking plainly and measuredly. His home is in North Manchester, Ind.

Mr. E. E. Metzger, of Indiana, chose "An Aim in Life" as the subject of his oration. He is full of practical ideas, and they were tersely crowded into his speech.

Miss Mae Newkirk favored the audience with a solo, "Yesterday."

Mr. S. E. Shook came from Dark County, Ohio. He has been a very faithful student, and is a very worthy young man and merits the honors of the institution. He is a man of excellent business qualifications and successful in governing people under his tutorship or care. The subject of his oration was "The Pleasure and Profit of Achievement."

Mr. L. L. Garber spoke on "The Perpetuity of the Union." His residence is in Bellville, Ohio. He is a thorough student, and as an instructor in the school room he will excel.

"Electricity" was Mr. J. H. Kimmel's theme. His residence is Shanksville, Pa. He expects to make the ministry his profession. He is a student of excellent character.

Mr. Dill Lamborn sang a solo, "Golden Moon." This so pleased the audience that he was called back by the applause of the audience.

"American Patriotism" was Mr. A. G. Rupert's subject. His residence is in the locality of Ashland, and his character is such that an education will be put to excellent use. His address was well delivered.

Mr. C. E. Deffenbaugh treated the subject of "The Mediocre." He is an Ohio young man, hailing from Perry county. He has an eloquent voice, and an excellent store of physical resources, and with his aptness as a student he could accomplish more than most individuals.

Mr. J. A. Miller had as his subject the class motto. He maintained his well-earned reputation for eloquence. He resides in Indiana. His future promises much to him. The ministry will be his calling.

The presentations of diplomas then took place, and Prof. Felger, in his presentation speech gave some excellent advice to the graduates, and the exercises closed with a song and benediction. Thus another year of work at the institution ended.

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Vaudois or Waldenses.

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The Waldenses were a sect said to have derived their name from Peter Waldo, a merchant of Lyons who practiced what he regarded as the pure doctrine of the Scriptures in the year 1180. His views spread through France, Italy Bohemia, and adherents became numerous in the province and valleys of Piedmont.

These people were condemned by the Synod of Tarrogana, in 1242. Large numbers were put to death. Those living in the valleys suffered from persecution under Sixts IV. A crusade was preached against them. Persecution of the Vaudois of Piedmont continued until about the middle of the eighteenth century. In 1848, Sardinia was granted full religious and ecclesiastical liberty, and equality of civil and political rights, by the Roman Catholics. Until 1848 they were confined to three valleys of the Cottian Alps—Lucerne, Perosa and San Martino. Since 1848 they have organized new congregations in other towns of Sardinia, and since 1858 in all parts of Italy. Their doctrines are similar to those of the Reformed churches. They recognize the Bible as their only rule of faith, and agree with the Calvinists in regard with the Lord's supper, but have not adopted the doctrine of absolute predestination. Every congregation has a consistory composed of a minister, elder, and deacon. Above this consistory is placed the supreme consistory, called the Table, composed of three clergymen and two laymen.—*Episcopal Record.*

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